THIS...

...IS NOT JUST THE ELVEN KINGDOM'S MATTER ANYMORE.

EVEN THE HEAD OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE...

CANNOT INTERVENE IN THE ELVEN KINGDOM'S MATTER WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH THE ALLIANCE.

OR ARE YOU DECLARING THAT

DECLARING THAT YOU'LL INTERFERE IN OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS?

ABSOLUTELY NOT! THAT IS NOT MY—

SK

QUEEN HOLIEN.

WE HAVE NO TIME TO RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR EVERY SINGLE MATTER.

ARCHMAGE ZENOVIA WISHES TO MOVE IT ALONG AS QUICKLY AS POSS—

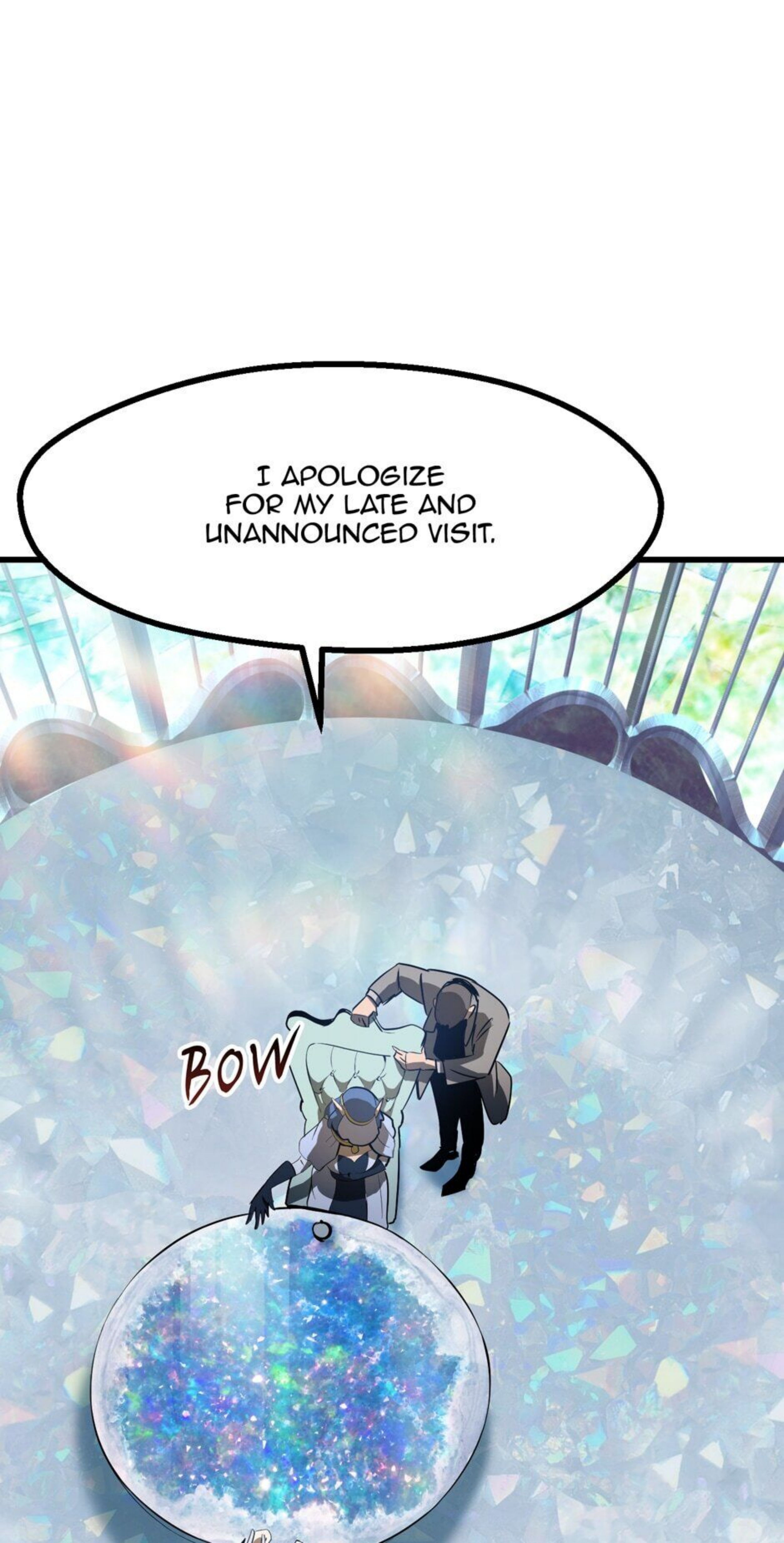
NO.

IT WAS INCREDIBLY RUDE OF ME TO BARGE IN LIKE THIS TO BEGIN WITH.

I WILL NOT CAUSE THEM ANY MORE TROUBLE...

IT'S BEEN 15 YEARS SINCE I'VE LAST SEEN YOU IN PERSON, QUEEN HOLIEN.

SK
DRRK


I APOLOGIZE FOR MY LATE AND UNANNOUNCED VISIT.
BOW

I'M SURE YOU HAVE YOUR REASONS.

HOWEVER...

SEEING THAT YOU CAME HERE ALONE WITHOUT A DELEGATION...

IT SEEMS THAT YOU'RE NOT HERE AS THE HEAD OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE,

BUT AS ONE OF THE FOUR HEROES...

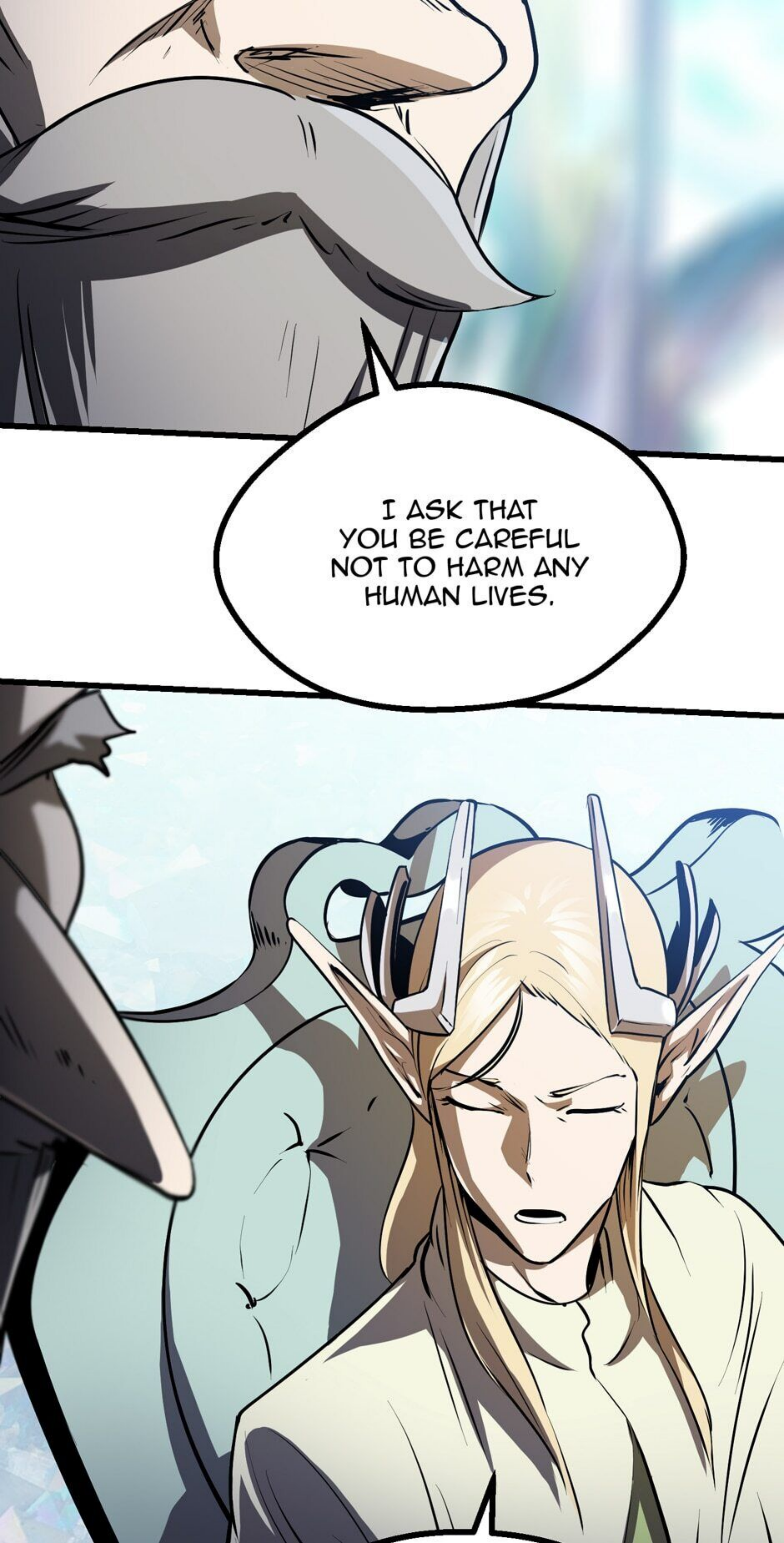
YOU'RE HERE AS HOLIEN 'THE TRANSCENDENT,' RIGHT?

I'M AFRAID I CANNOT TELL YOU THE DETAILED REASON, BUT... YOU'RE RIGHT.

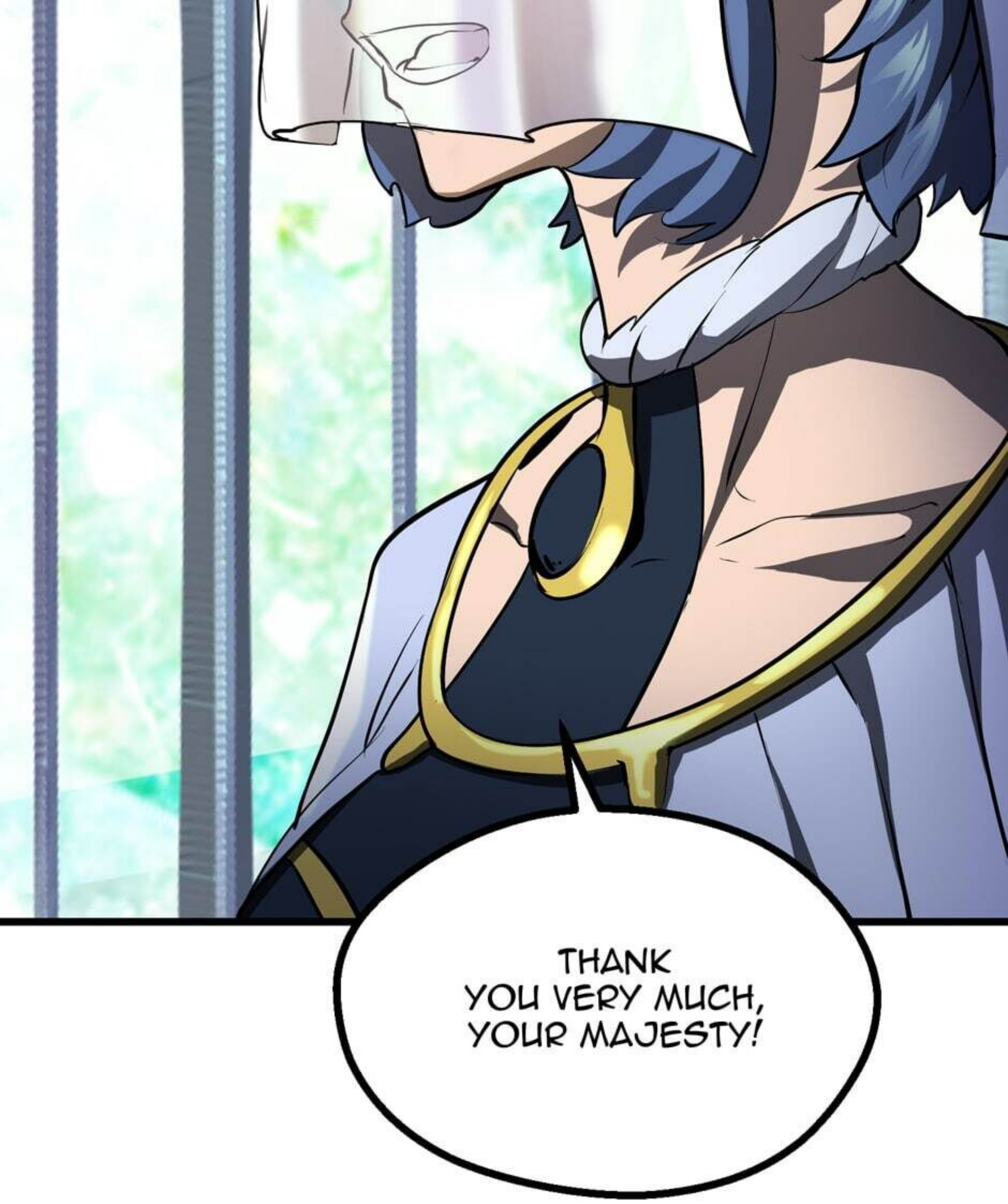
THE SMALL ROOTS TOWN YOU WISH TO VISIT

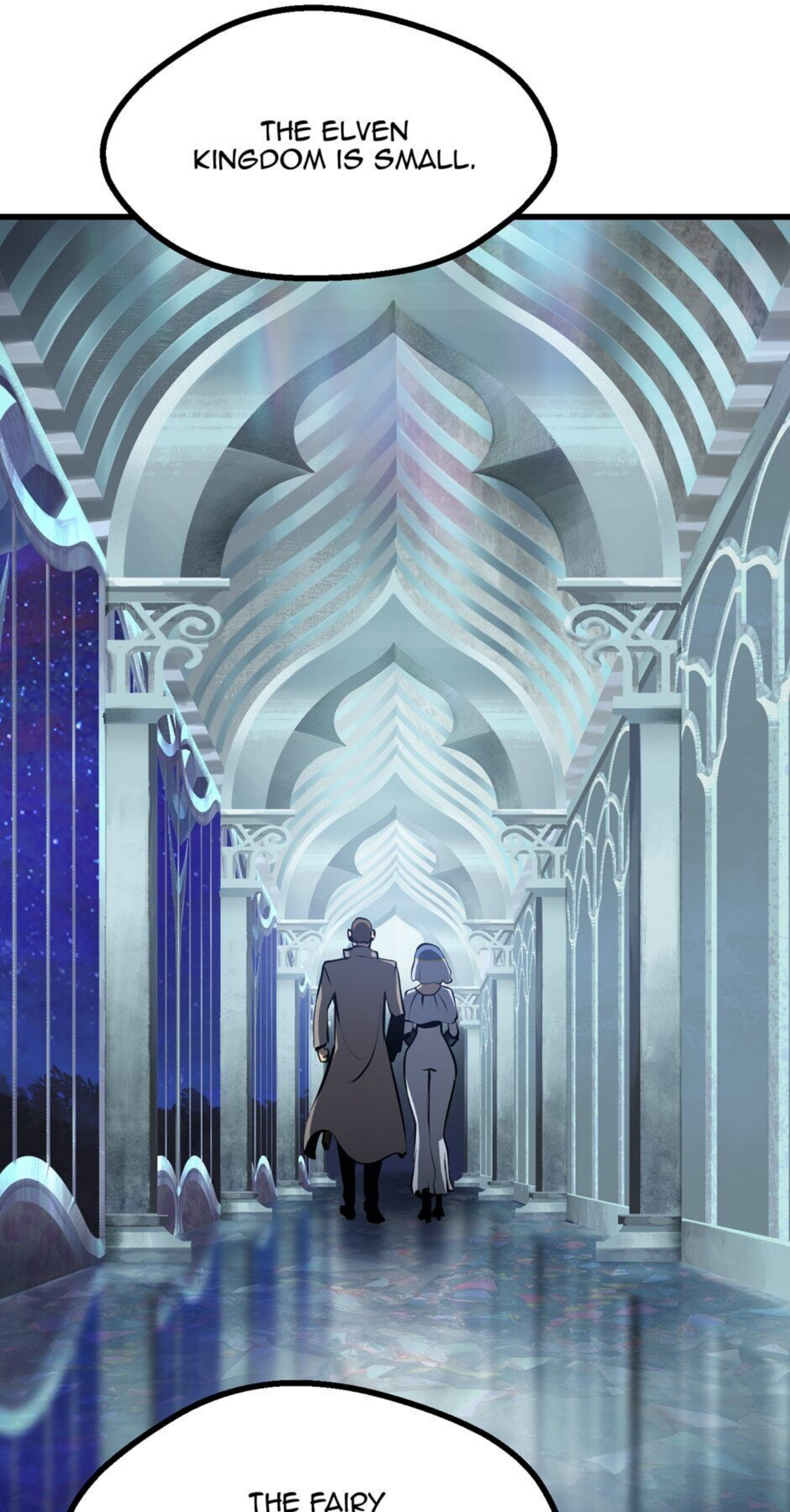
HAS BEEN WANTING TO ARM THEMSELVES AGAINST THE ELVES TO DECLARE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

BUT THEY ARE RIGHTFUL CITIZENS OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE AS WELL.


I ASK THAT YOU BE CAREFUL NOT TO HARM ANY HUMAN LIVES.

FATHER...!
IT WON'T BE TOO LATE IF YOU LEAVE WHEN THE SUN COMES UP TOMORROW.


THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR MAJESTY!


THE ELVEN KINGDOM IS SMALL.
THE FAIRY

ALLIANCE ITSELF
ISN'T SO BIG EITHER.

ITS POPULATION
AND MILITARY STRENGTH ARE
PROBABLY LESS THAN HALF OF
OTHER SPECIES' KINGDOMS.

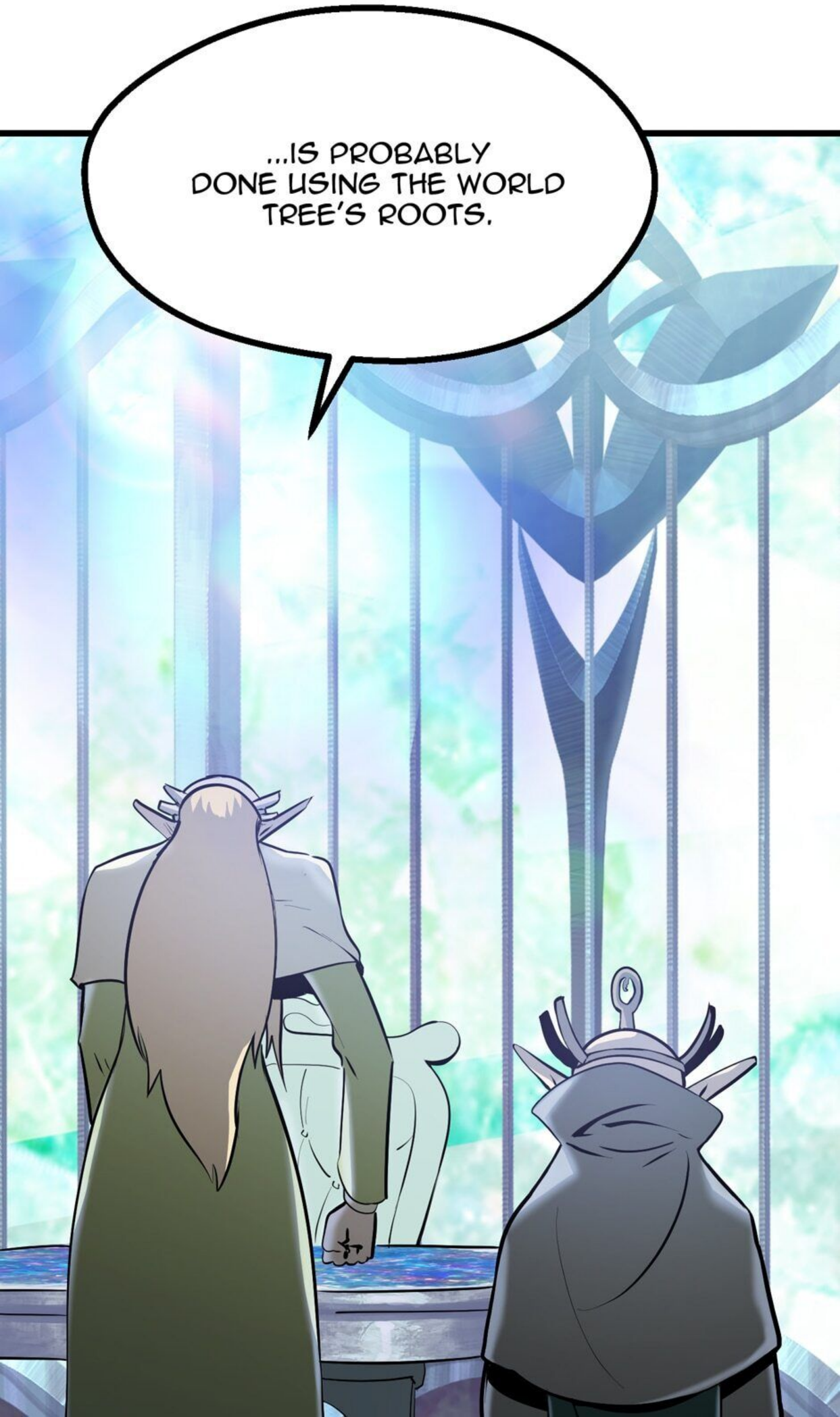
BUT THE
REASON THE FAIRY
ALLIANCE HAS A
COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE
OVER OTHERS IS

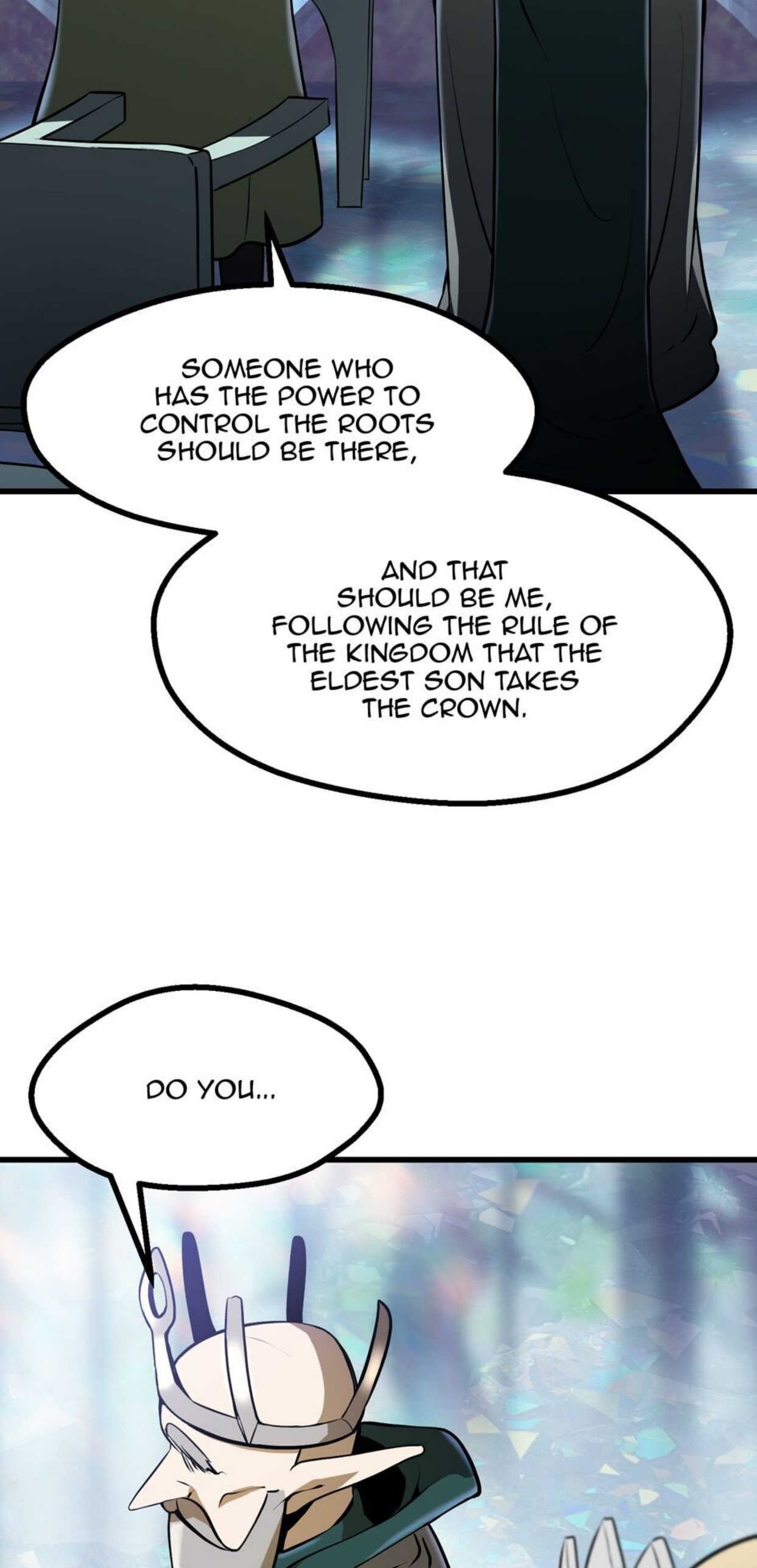
BECAUSE THEY
HAVE HOLIEN THE TRANSCENDENT
AS THEIR WEAPON.

I WILL GO
WITH QUEEN HOLIEN
TOMORROW MORNING.

HMM...
SON...
I AM AN OLD
MAN NOW.
THE ELVEN
NOBLES ARE JUST
WAITING FOR OUR ROYAL
AUTHORITY TO WEAKEN.

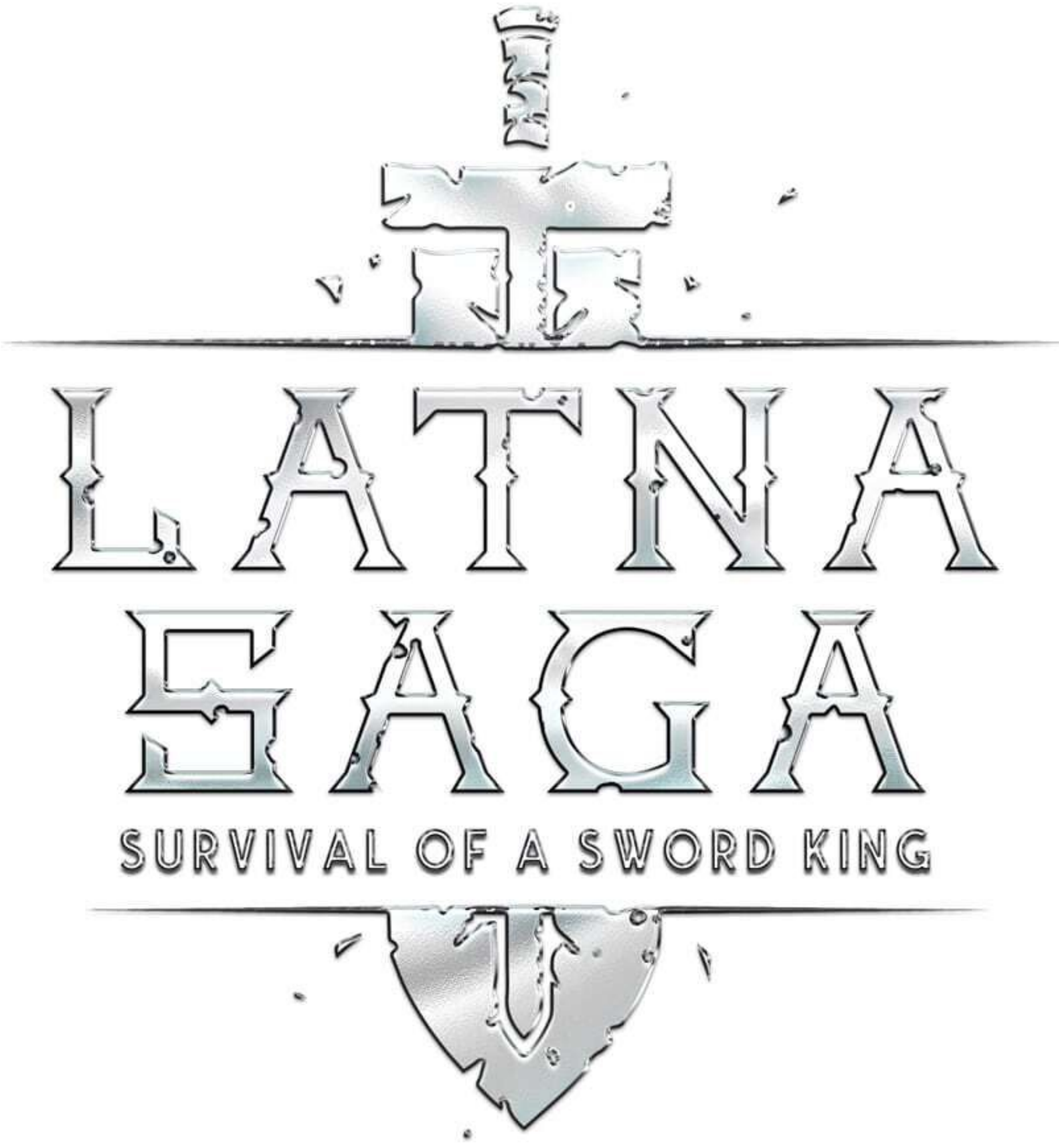
A KING SHOULD NOT LEAVE THE PALACE VACANT SO EASILY.
SLAM
THE WIDESPREAD MIND CONTROL...!


...IS PROBABLY DONE USING THE WORLD TREE'S ROOTS.


SOMEONE WHO HAS THE POWER TO CONTROL THE ROOTS SHOULD BE THERE,
AND THAT SHOULD BE ME, FOLLOWING THE RULE OF THE KINGDOM THAT THE ELDEST SON TAKES THE CROWN.
DO YOU...

...BLAME ME FOR SENDING RAONDEL TO THAT DANGEROUS PLACE?
ALL I WISH FOR...

...IS TO AVOID TASTING WHAT HELL IS LIKE TWICE OVER.



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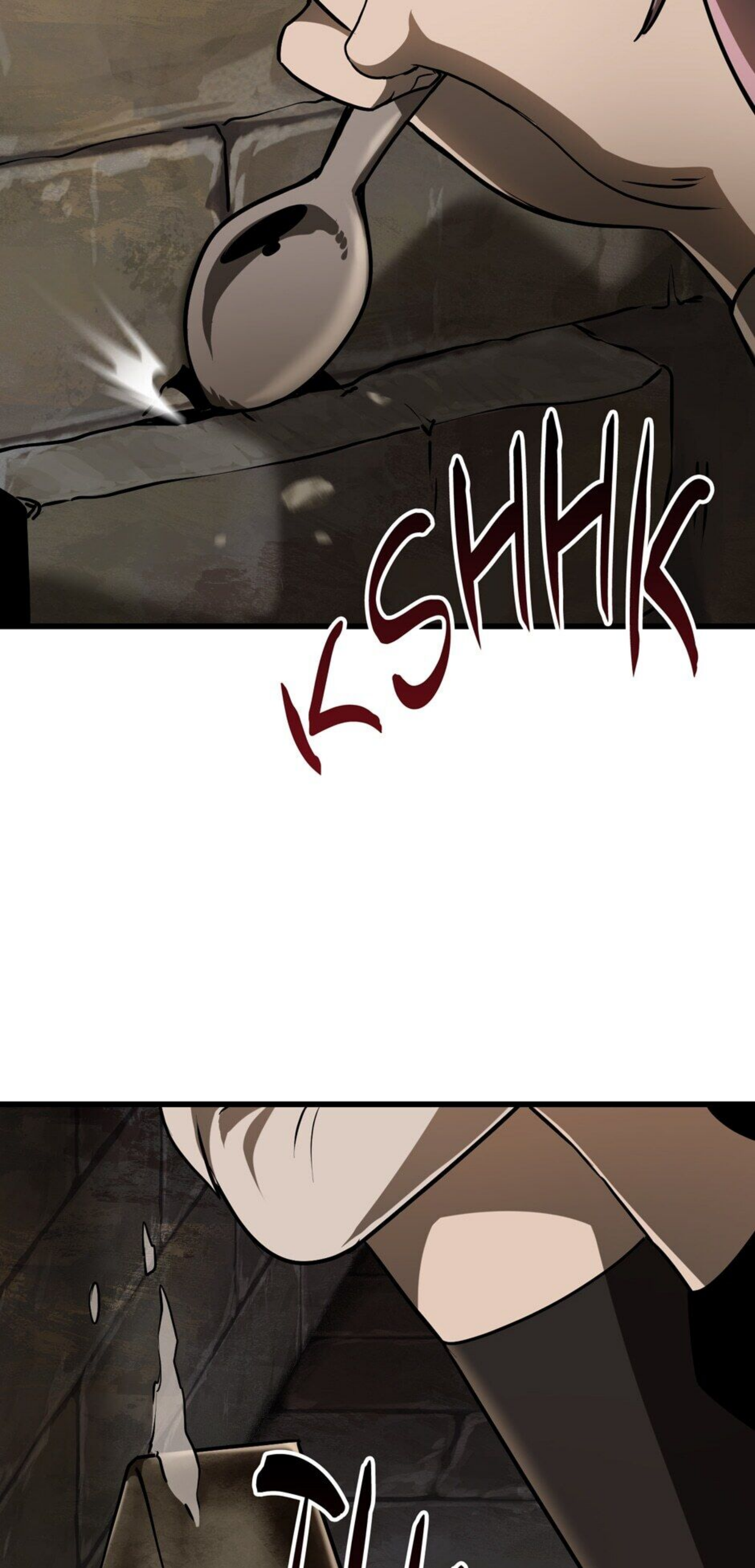

KSHHK

THUD

Sk
HAA...

THE WORLD TREE'S ROOTS ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE...

THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD EVEN MAKE A SCRATCH ON IT WITH A SPOON.

WHY WOULD SOMEONE BUILD A HOUSE THIS WAY?!

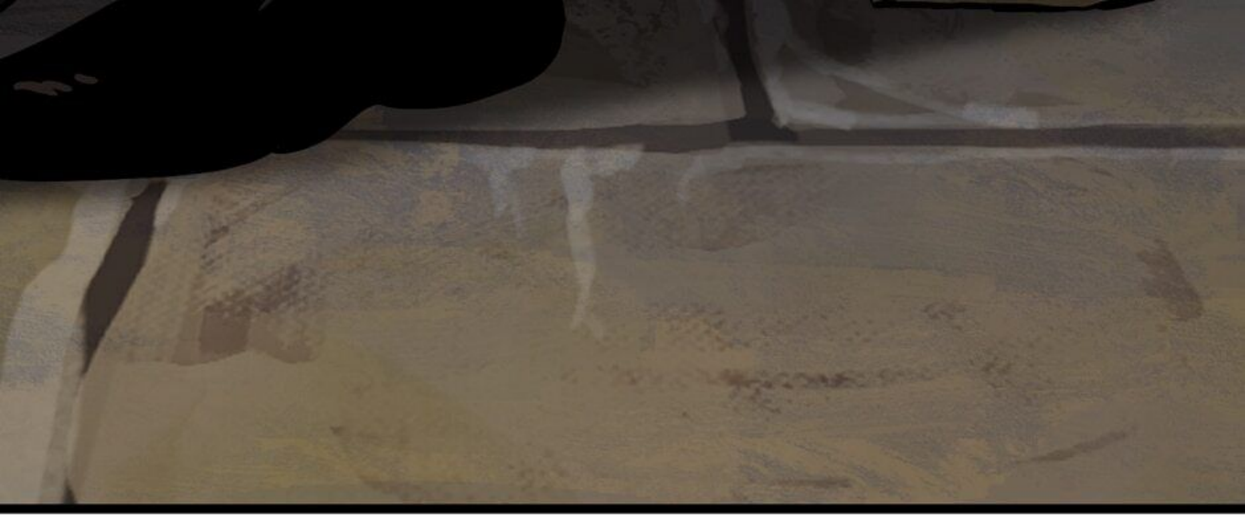
I HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE SOMEHOW TO CONTACT THE KINGDOM...!

WHAT DO I DO...?!

RAONDEL?
HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU DID WRONG?

YES, MOTHER!
BEAM

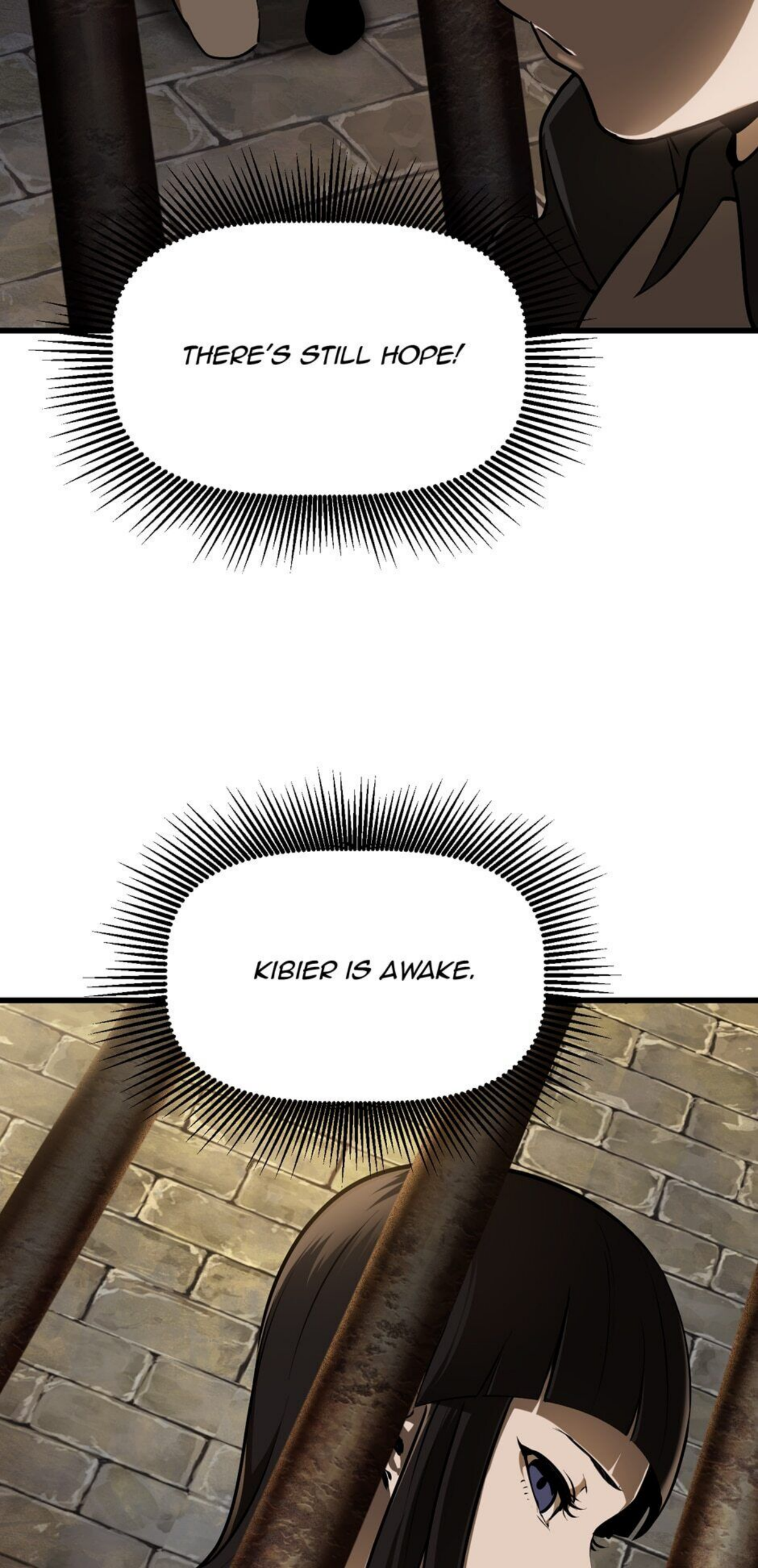
I'VE BEEN
REFLECTING ON MY MISTAKE,
AND I REGRET IT!



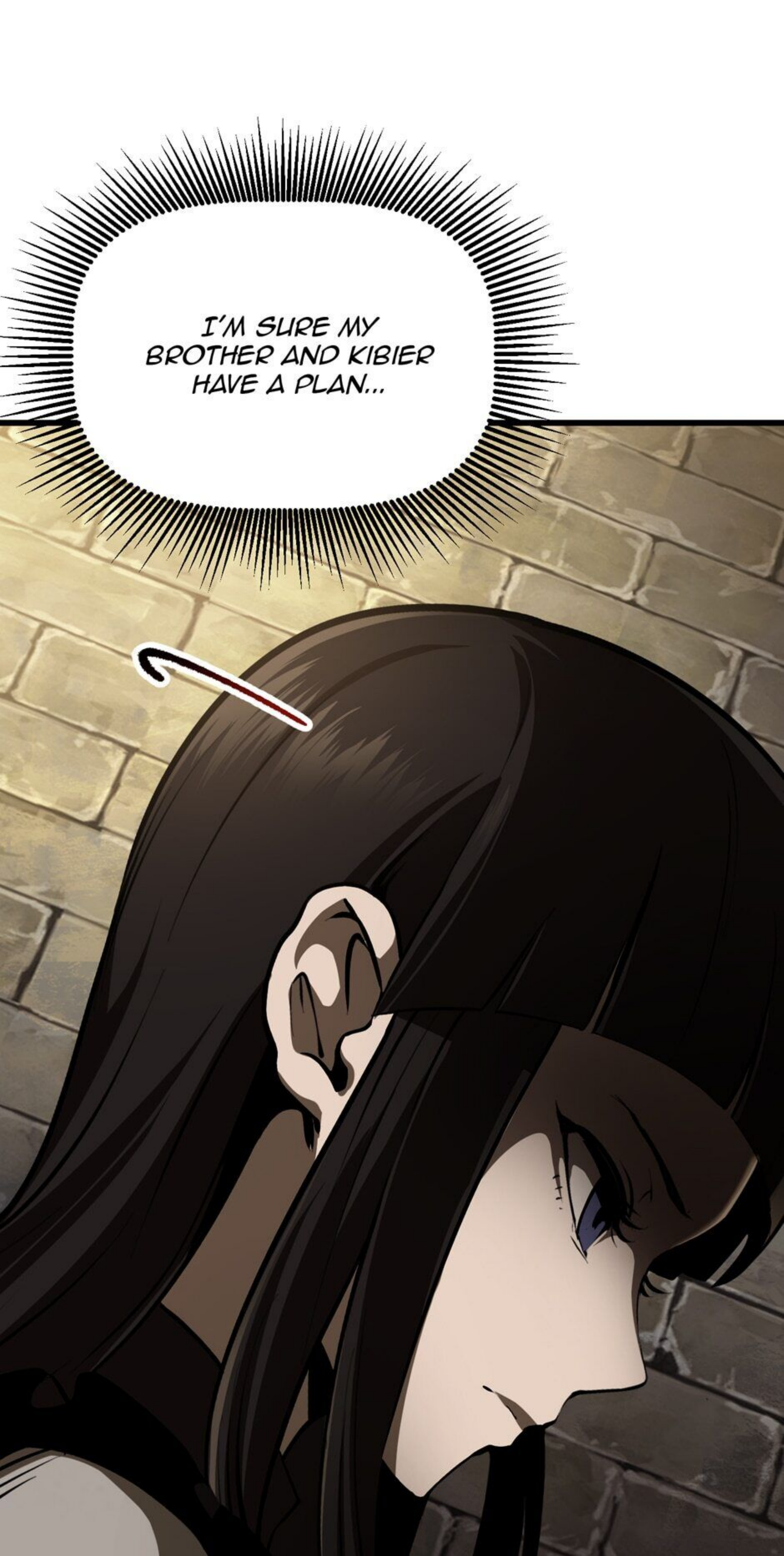
HMM~
DO YOU STILL THINK THAT YOU CAN GET AWAY FROM ME?

LEAVE US.
I NEED TO SPEAK TO

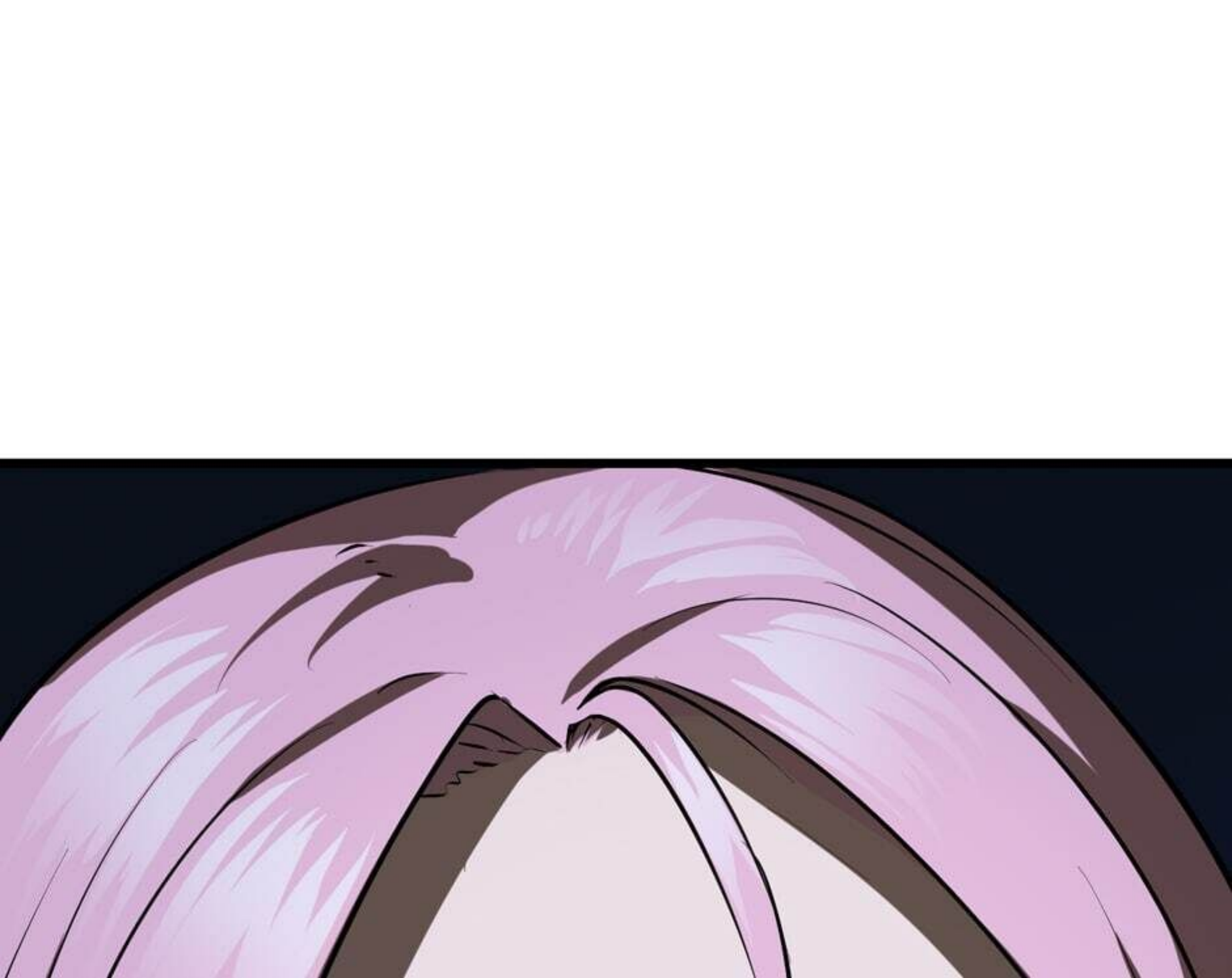
RAONDEL ALONE.
YES, MA'AM~
SURE!


THERE'S STILL HOPE!
KIBIER IS AWAKE.

WHY ELSE WOULD SHE COME TO THIS HOUSE IF IT WEREN'T TO SAVE ME AND MY FRIENDS?


I'M SURE MY BROTHER AND KIBIER HAVE A PLAN...

FWICK



I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT RAONDEL.

I WAS ABLE TO DODGE THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO OF MY OWN DEATH, BUT...
THAT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED TO BEGIN WITH IF I NEVER TOOK UP THE ELVEN KING'S MISSION.

THERE'S NO PROBLEM EVEN IF A DIFFERENT FUTURE IS FORMED.

BUT RAONDEL'S DEATH IS INEVITABLE.
IF I CHANGE DESTINY ANY FURTHER...

...THE FORESIGHT THAT'S ENTERED INTO MY MIND WILL BE DESTROYED.

I WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO SEE THE FUTURE.

FOR THE FUTURE OF LATNA,

I MUST
RESCUE HANBIN AND
LEAVE THIS TOWN.

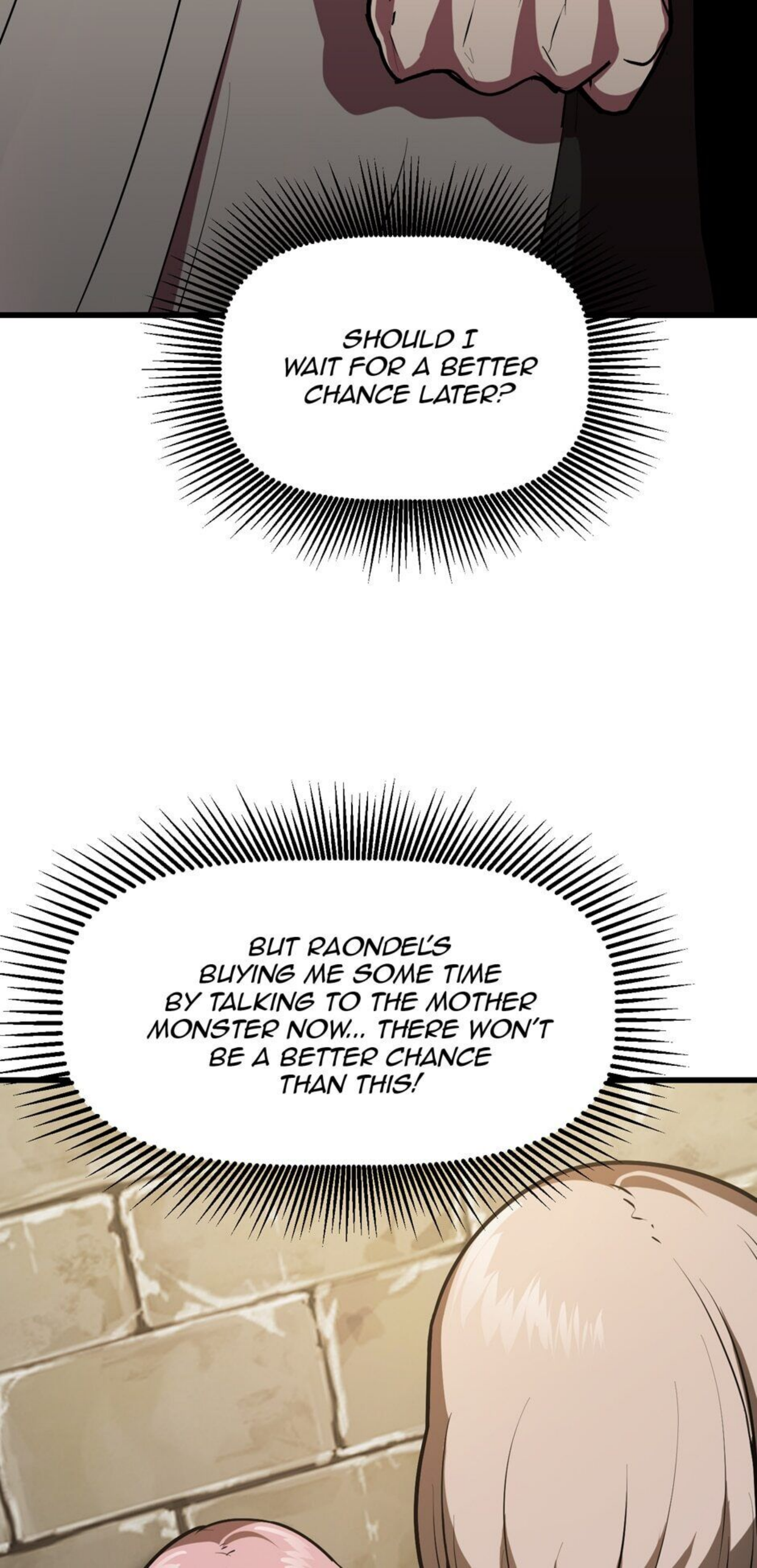
MY PRIORITY IS
TO FIND PAUTAULT AS
ORIGINALLY PLANNED.

HEY YOU,
THE NEW GIRL!!
SNAP
TMP
TMP

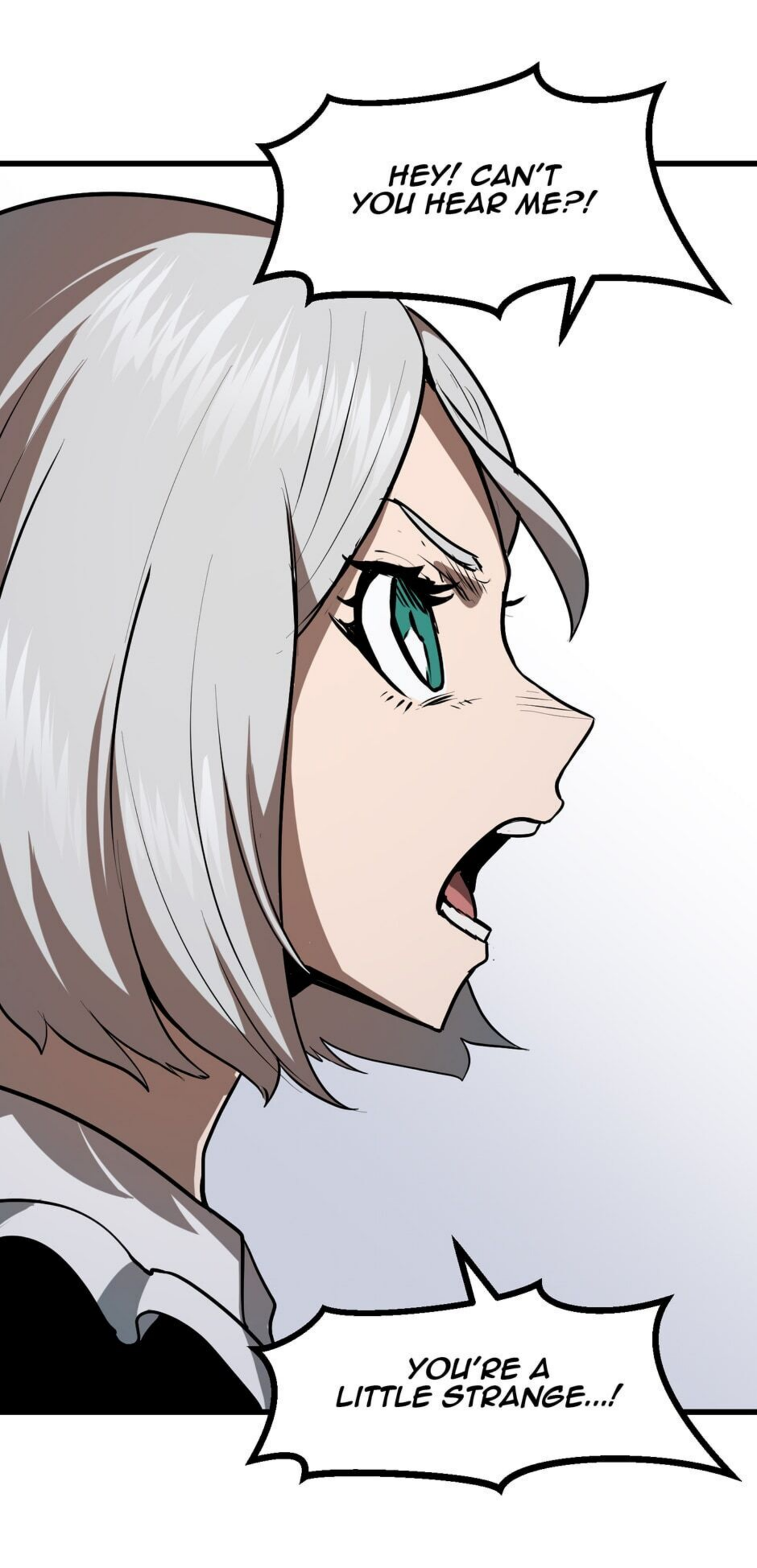
WHERE DO YOU THINK *YOU'RE* GOING?

THERE'S A PILE OF WORK TO DO!

I CAN'T REVEAL MY IDENTITY BEFORE I WAKE UP HANBIN.
CLENCH


SHOULD I WAIT FOR A BETTER CHANCE LATER?
BUT RAONDEL'S BUYING ME SOME TIME BY TALKING TO THE MOTHER MONSTER NOW... THERE WON'T BE A BETTER CHANCE THAN THIS!

THERE'S NO TELLING WHEN I CAN SEPARATE THE MOTHER MONSTER AND HANBIN LATER.

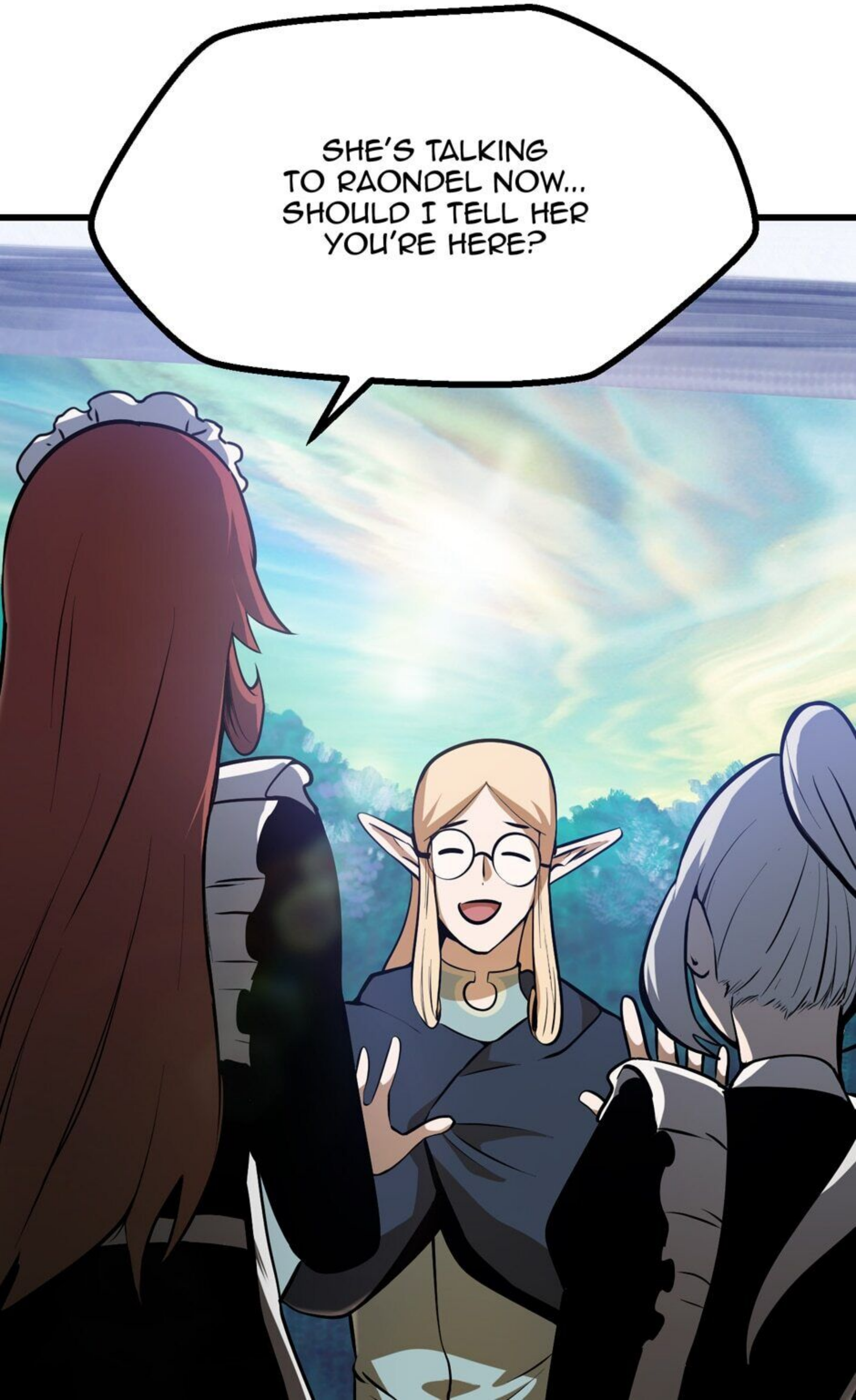

HEY! CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?!
YOU'RE A LITTLE STRANGE...!

OR SHOULD I...
...KILL THESE TWO FIRST?

KHUD
KHUD

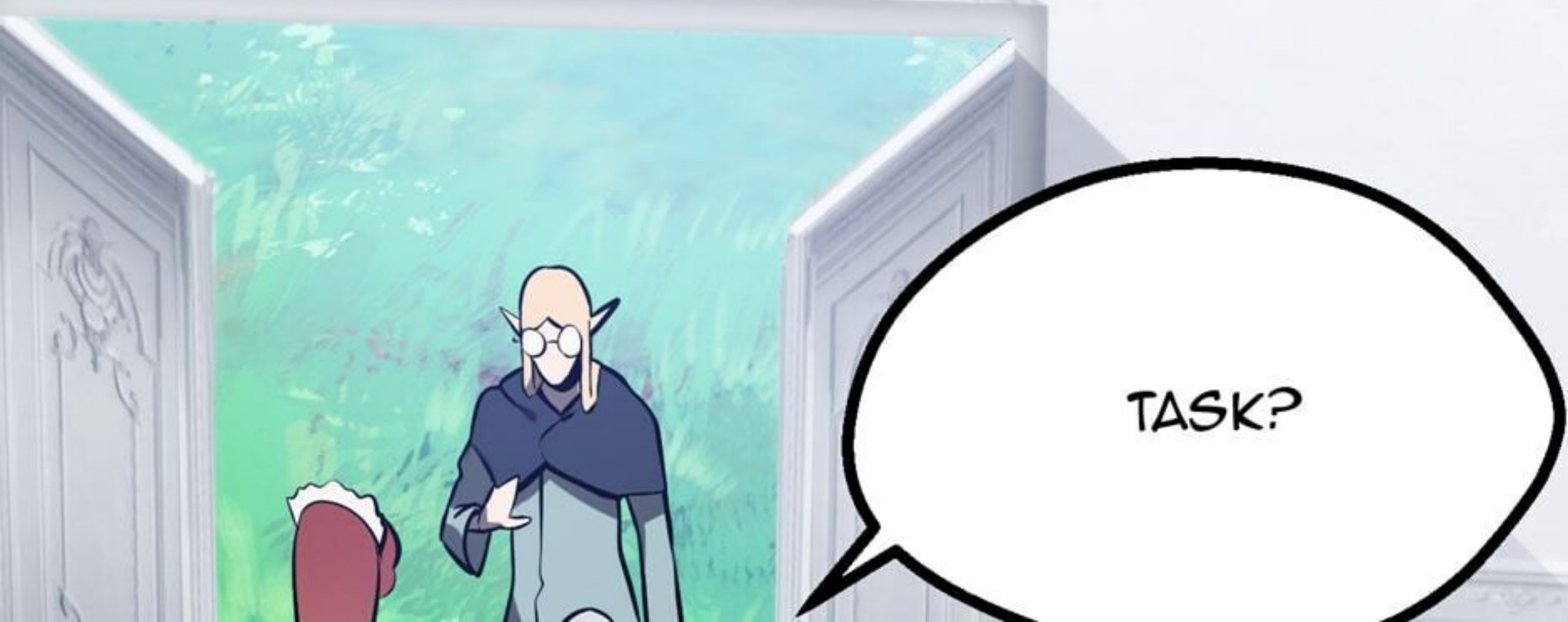
CREAKS

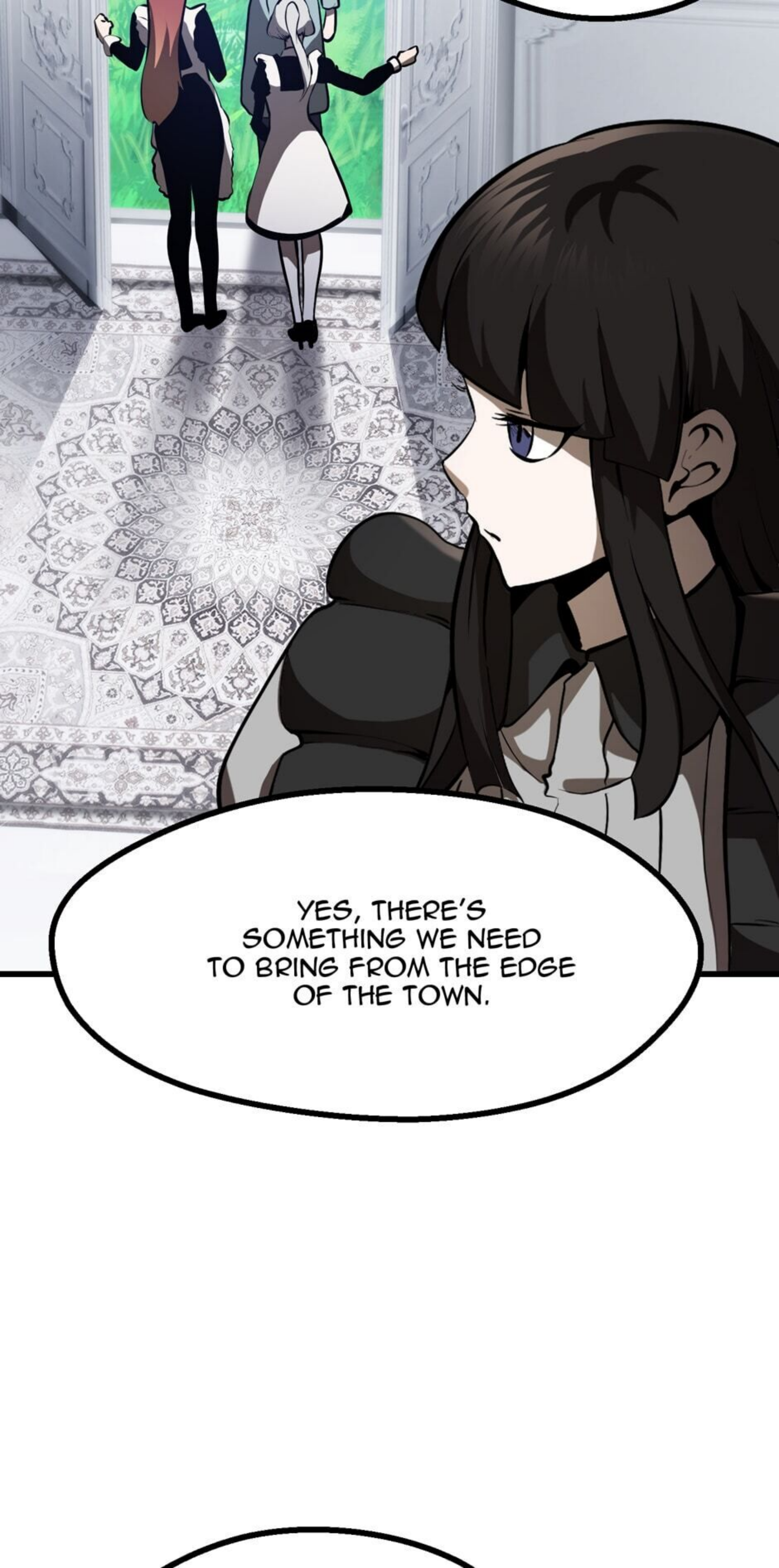
DOCTOR! WHAT BRINGS YOU—
I... HAVE TO SPEAK TO THE MADAM ABOUT SOMETHING.


SHE'S TALKING TO RAONDEL NOW... SHOULD I TELL HER YOU'RE HERE?

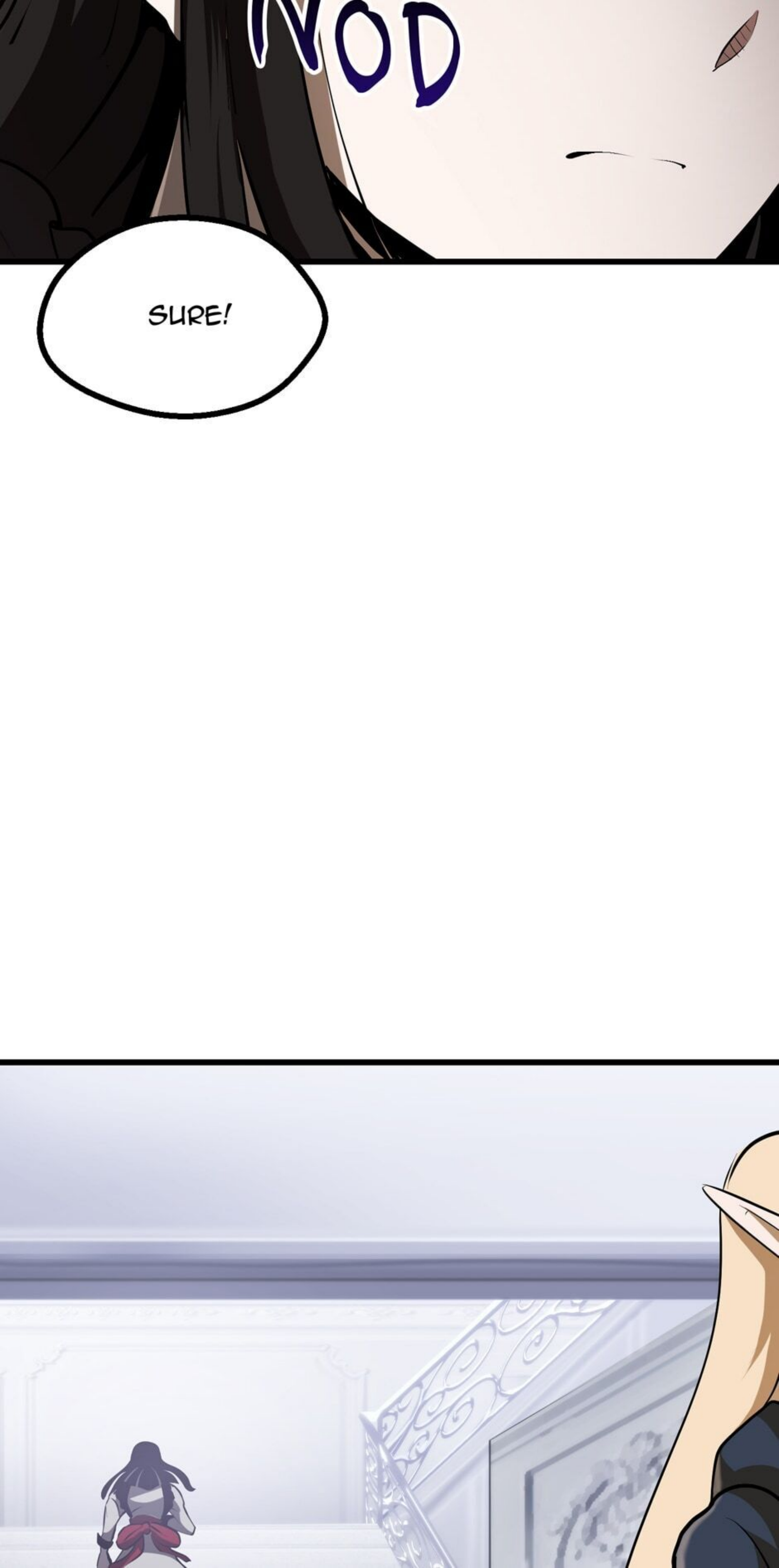
OH! THAT'S FINE.

IT MUST'VE SLIPPED HER MIND TO ASK YOU TO DO... THAT TASK.




YES, THERE'S SOMETHING WE NEED TO BRING FROM THE EDGE OF THE TOWN.

IT WON'T TAKE LONG. YOU TWO CAN COME WITH ME.


NOD
SURE!

THIS FEELS STRANGE...
DID I ALWAYS USE A BED THIS SMALL...?

AND I REALLY WANT TO GET OUT OF THESE TIGHT CLOTHES...

IT'S AS IF...

...I'M NOT
MYSELF RIGHT NOW.

SQUIRM
SQUIRM

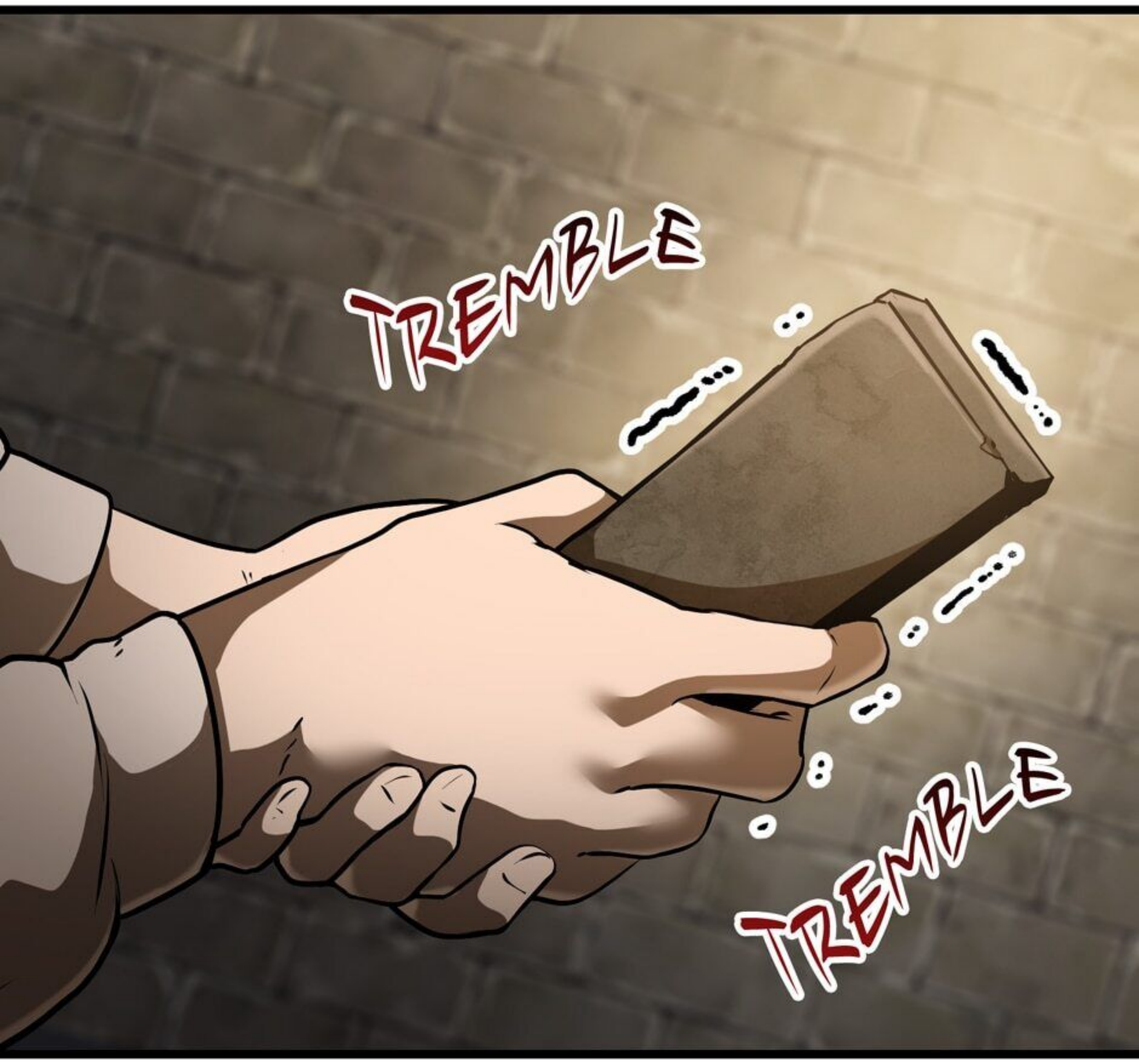
SPRING

HAHAHA... I'M NO SAVAGE! IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN WALK AROUND NAKED!

AND LOOK AT MY AWESOME MUSTACHE! HOW COULD I THINK THIS ISN'T HOW I NORMALLY AM?

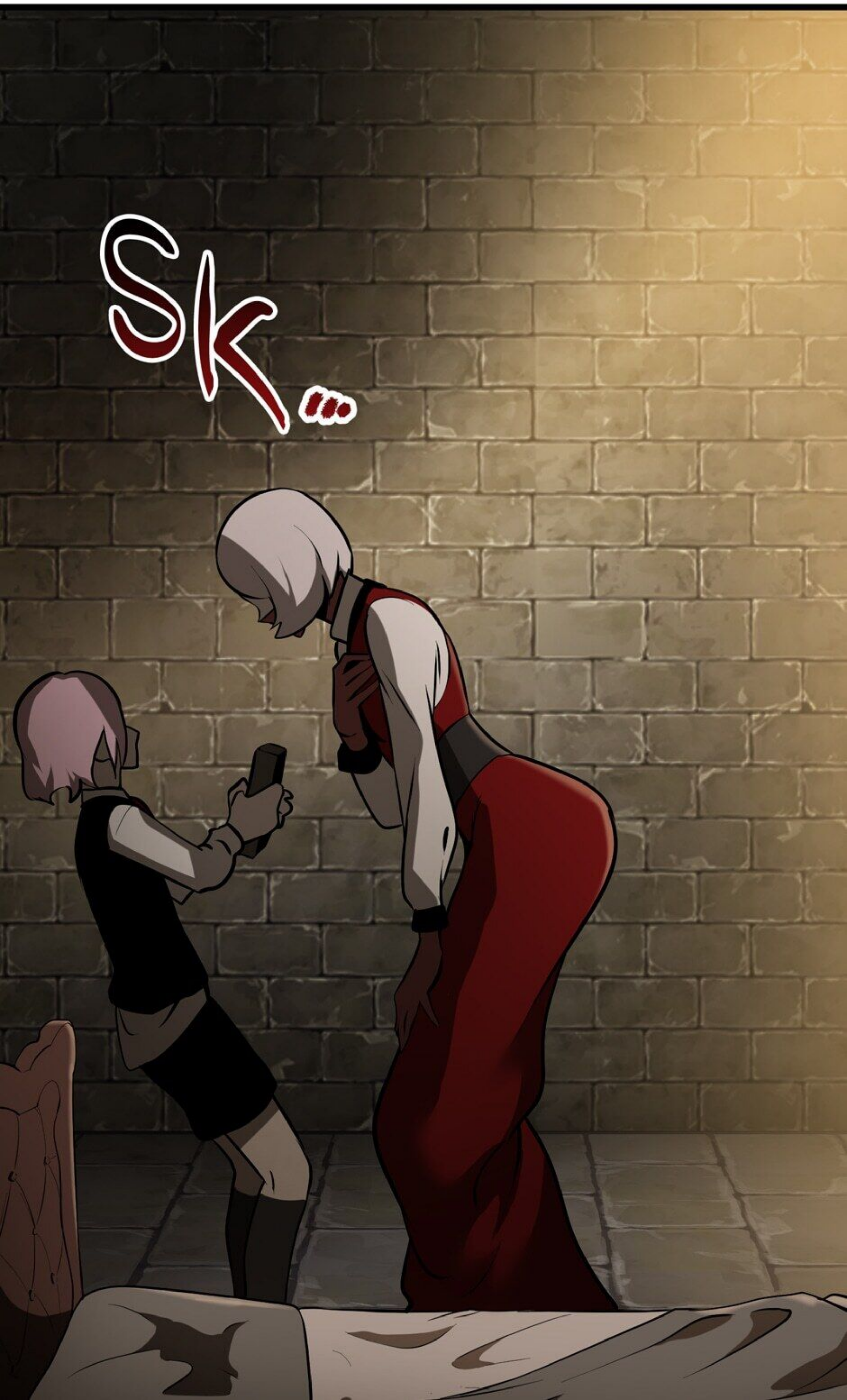
SK

SKINOO



ARE YOU
PLAYING HOUSE WHILE
PRETENDING TO BE HUMAN?

YOU'RE
MERE A MONSTER...!


Sk...

A MONSTER...?
I GUESS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN A DUNGEON MONSTER, RAONDEL.

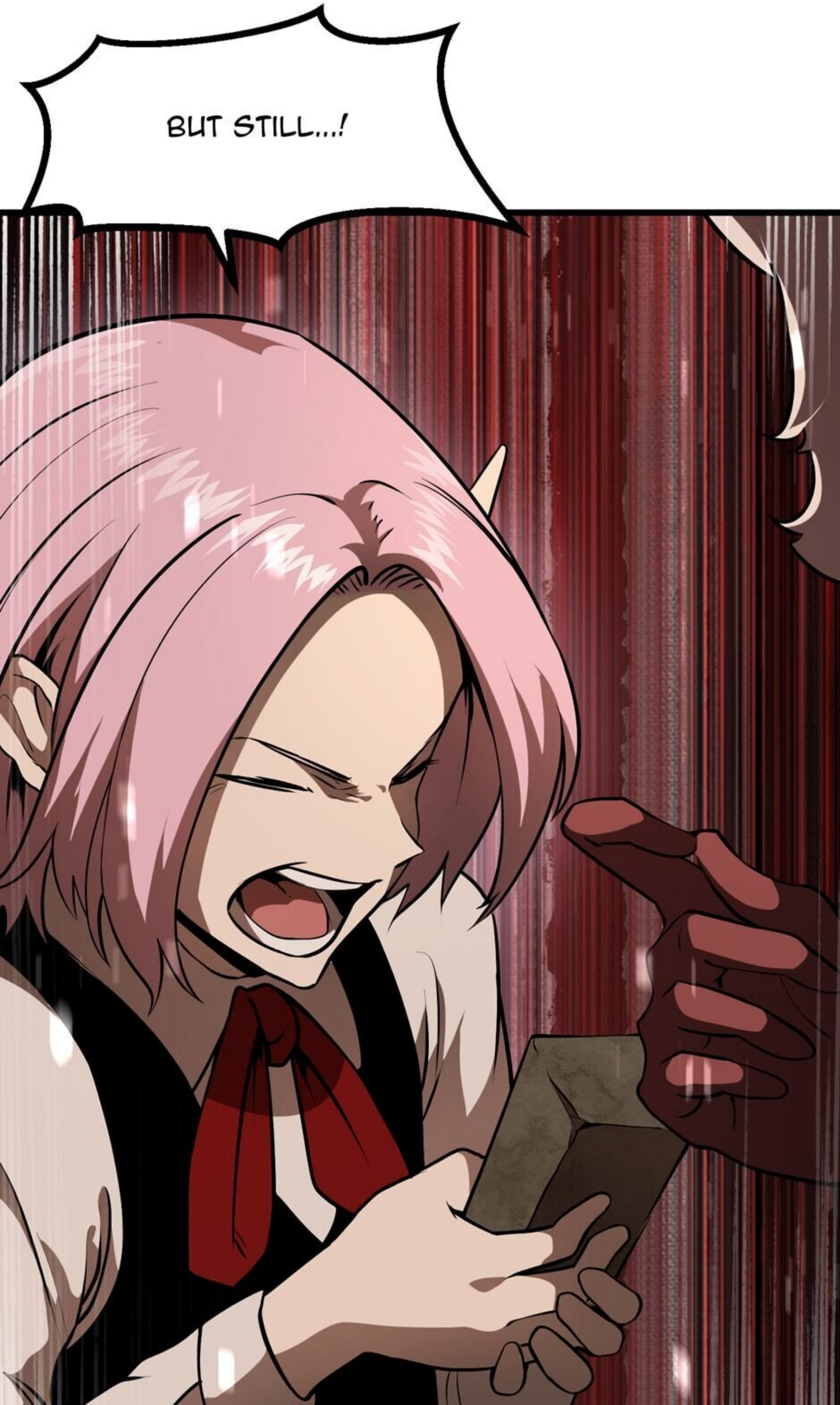
IF I WERE
A REAL MONSTER...
...DO YOU THINK
YOU OR THIS TOWN
COULD'VE SURVIVED?

Sk
WHAT...
DO YOU MEAN
BY THAT?

EVERY DUNGEON MONSTER IS DESIGNED TO DESTROY ANY LIVING INTELLIGENT BEING IN LATNA.
A MONSTER'S DESIRE TO KILL...

...IS MUCH LIKE
YOUR KIND'S DESIRE TO LIVE.
BUT I'VE REFUSED IT.

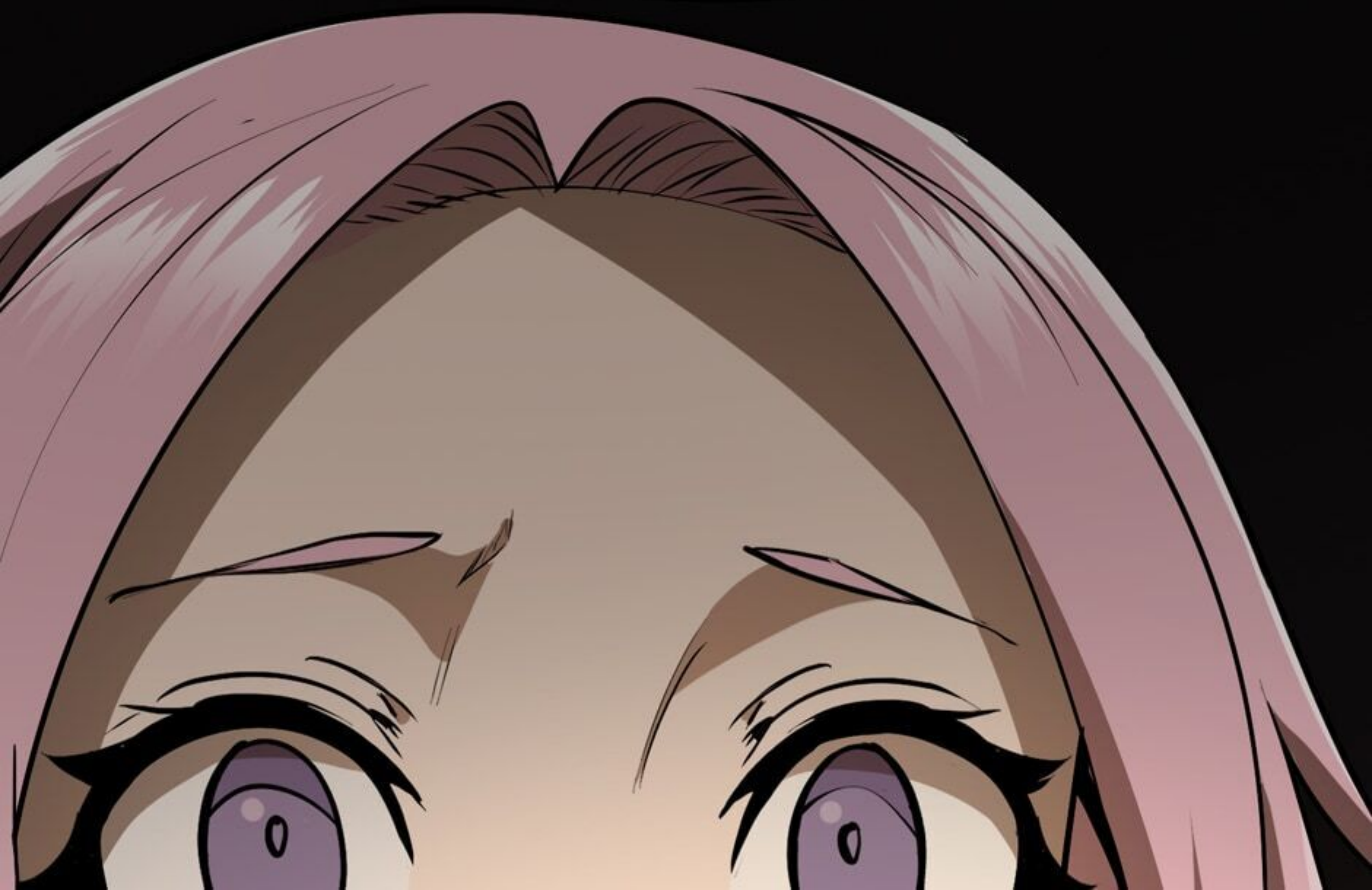
THAT'S
WHAT MAKES ME
DIFFERENT.

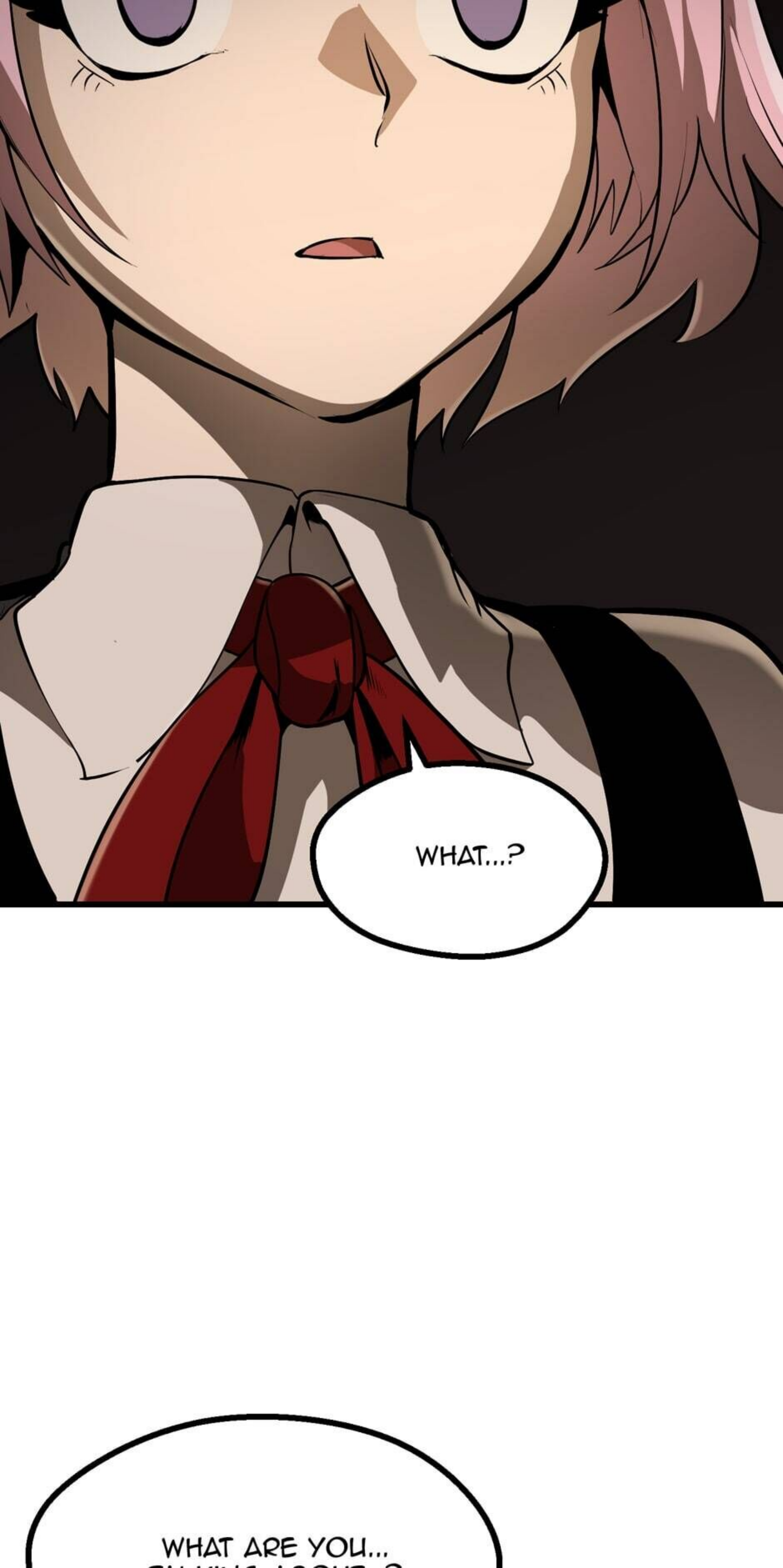

BUT STILL...!

HOW ARE YOU ANY DIFFERENT FROM A MONSTER? YOU'RE CONTROLLING AND KILLING INNOCENT PEOPLE!
CONTROLLING AND KILLING PEOPLE...?

DON'T *YOU* DO THE SAME?

ISN'T THAT HOW YOUR MOTHER DIED?




WHAT...?
WHAT ARE YOU...

TALKING ABOUT...?
OH, MY!
IT SLIPPED MY
TONGUE AGAIN.

ANSWER MY QUESTION!!
FWOOSH

SLAM

UGH!

SQUEEZE

I GUESS THERE'S NO POINT IN TRYING TO CONVINCE YOU ANYMORE.

I WANTED TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER, BUT...

I'D PREFER NOT TO PUNCTURE YOUR BODY EITHER, RAONDEL.

SQUIRM
SAY 'AH~'

طاهر

ОН МУ~!

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE...?

DID KIBIER
DO SOMETHING?!

SKRRRR

FLAP
BURN ONLY THE BLOOD SUCKERS INSIDE HIS BODY...?

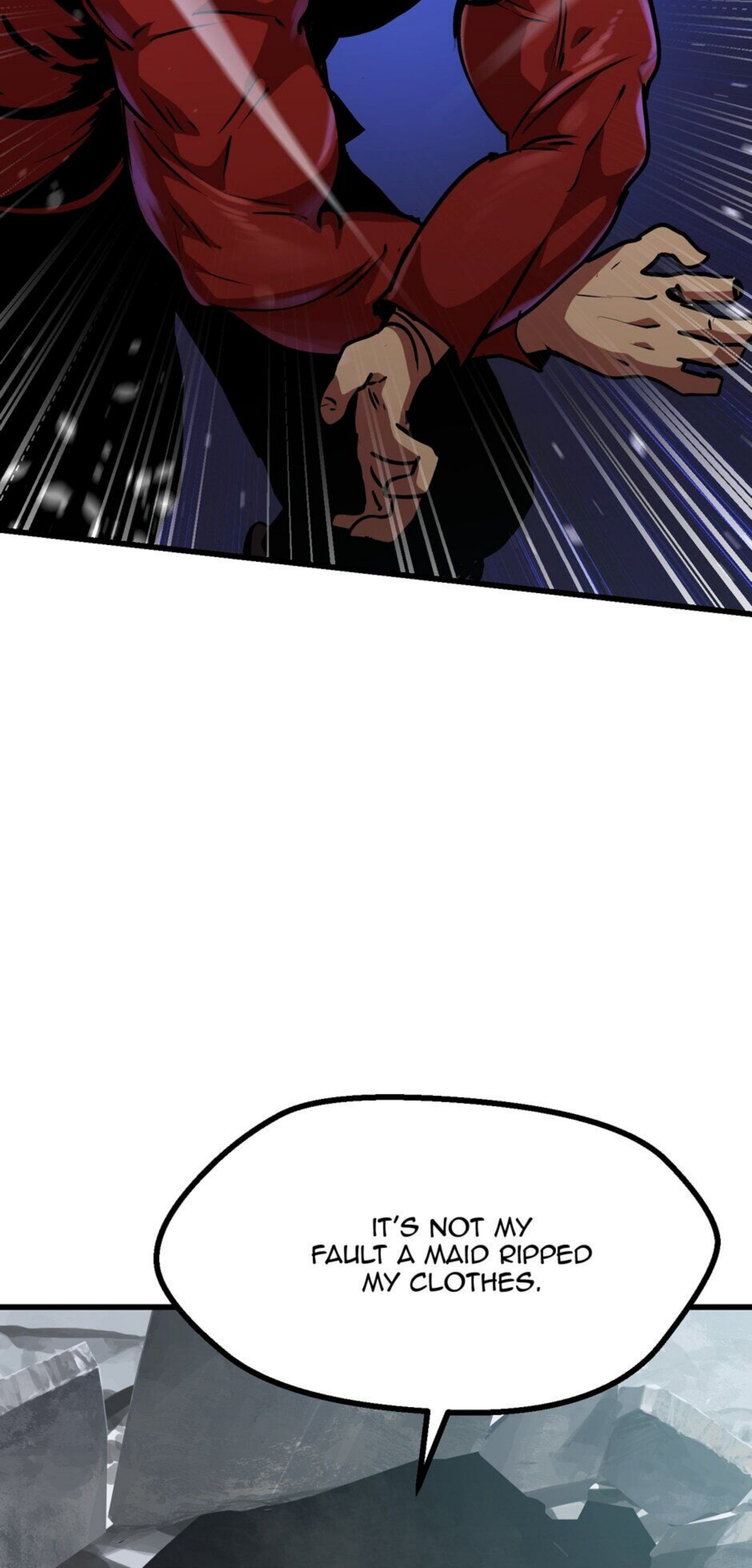
THAT WAS A FOOLISH THOUGHT...

EVEN ALL OF MY POWER...
IS NOT ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH...

THAT MONSTER...!

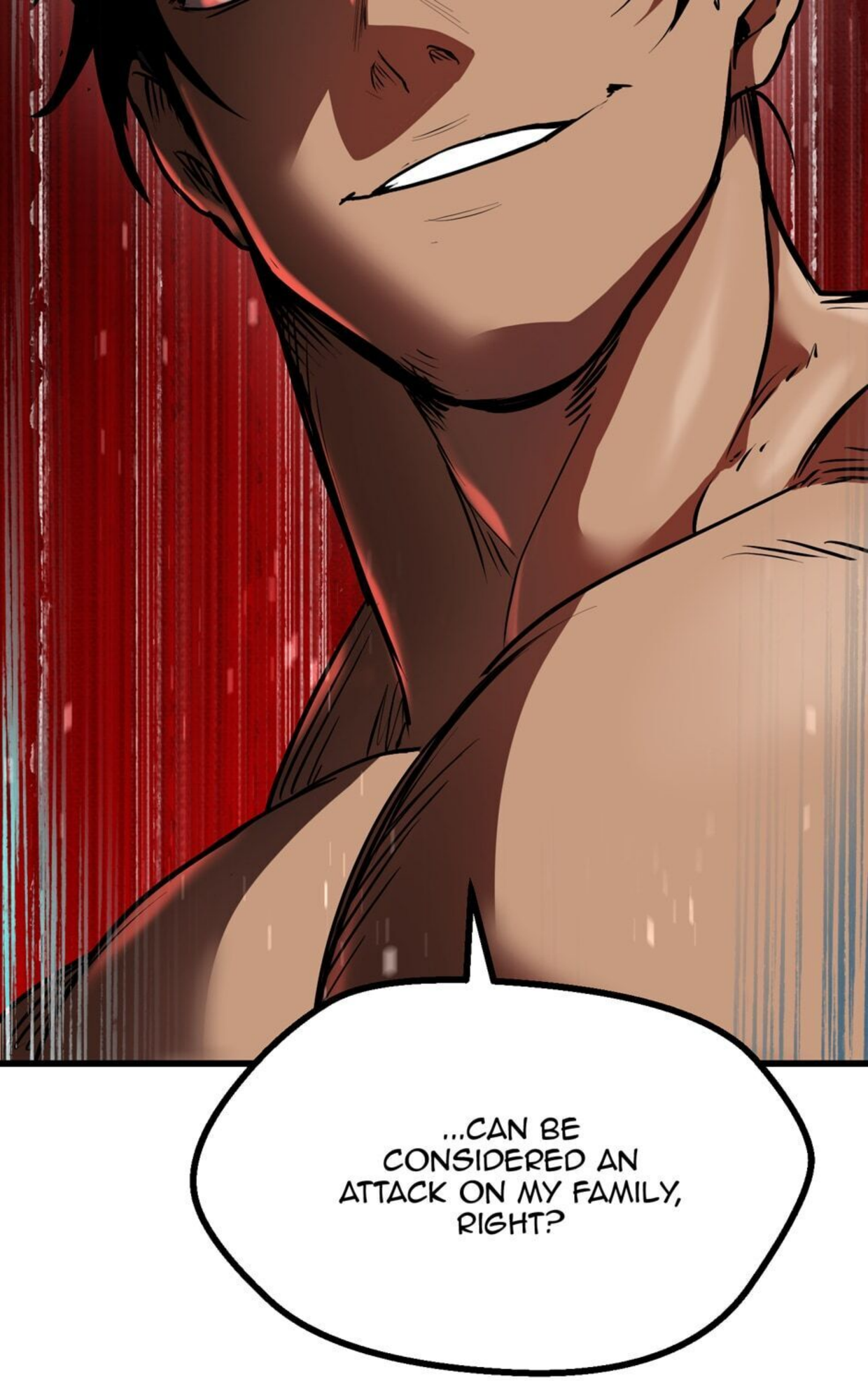
KSHK
KSHHK

FWOOOSH


IT'S NOT MY FAULT A MAID RIPPED MY CLOTHES.

FWICK

BUT...
THIS!



RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE